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## SENATOR ALLARD APPLAUDS FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S 90 DAY FINDING ON PREBLE'S MOUSE

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) applauded today the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's release of a positive 90-day finding to remove the Preble's meadow jumping mouse from the Endangered Species List.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service has finally learned that sound science and common sense are needed to address the issue of the so-called Preble's meadow jumping mouse," Senator Allard said. "This is good news for the many Coloradoans who have been adversely affected by the erroneous listing of this mouse; however, this is just the first step towards removing a costly listing that has stymied people, businesses, and government in our state."

The Endangered Species Act requires the release of a preliminary 90-day finding for any petition to add or remove a species from the Endangered Species List. The Fish and Wildlife Service's positive finding indicates that the Service will move forward with a full status review to determine if the mouse will remain classified as an endangered species.

"I look forward to the release of the twelve-month status review due out in December," Senator Allard said.